



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

John 3:16 [ESV]

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Scripture Study

God is a good and perfect and holy and loving and righteous judge. Because of this, He cannot just simply turn His head and ignore when we do not obey Him. He must punish **sin**. The Bible says that the punishment that we deserve because of our sin is death and separation from God forever in a place called hell, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. A horrible place. What is amazing, though, is that God, in His love for us, sent **His Son, Jesus Christ**, who never sinned and didn't deserve punishment, to be punished for us, in our place. Jesus came to this earth and took our punishment for us, dying on a cross. He died and was buried and then three days later He rose from the dead, providing **eternal life**, instead of death and hell, for all who will turn from their sin and believe in Him.

Review Questions

What must God punish?

Who did God punish in our place?

Though we deserve to go to hell because of our sin, what does God give to those who believe in His Son, Jesus Christ?

Suggested Prayer

Lord, thank you so much for sending your only Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross, taking the punishment that we deserve because of our sin. Help us to turn from our sin and to believe in Jesus alone for salvation we pray. In Jesus name, Amen.